IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

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MOTION TO PERMIT WITHDRAWAL OF PRIOR COUNSEL

On March 3, 2017, the Solicitor General of Virginia and members of the Office of Attorney General of Virginia noted their appearance as counsel for Defendants:

- the Virginia State Board of Elections;
- James B. Alcorn, in his capacity as Chairman of the Virginia State Board of Elections;
- Clara Belle Wheeler, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections;
- Singleton B. McAllister, in her capacity as Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections;
- the Virginia Department of Elections; and
- Edgardo Cortés, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections.

(ECF Nos. 121-23.)

Accordingly, Defendants and their counsel now request that the Court permit the withdrawal of the following private counsel, who were previously engaged by the Commonwealth to represent Defendants:

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the counsel of record for all parties.

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| - | Stuart A. Raphael | |